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Question 1

General Information

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Question 2

Who is the primary Member of Congress sponsoring the project?

Member of Congress:	Cassidy, Bill
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Question 3

Is this project located in your Congressional District?

☒ Yes
☐ No

Question 4

Will other Members of Congress be submitting project requests supporting the project?

☐ Yes
☒ No

Question 5

What type of eligible project under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the U.S. Code is the project request? Note: The Committee will not accept requests for non-surface transportation projects, such as transportation museums, as part of the High Priority Projects program.

☒ Federal-aid Highway

☒ Highway/road

Located on a Federal-aid highway?

☒ Yes

Located on the National Highway System?

☒ Yes

Located on the Interstate System?

☒ Yes☐ No☐ No☐ No☐ Bridge☐ Tunnel☐ Bicycle/Pedestrian project☐ Intelligent Transportation System (Technology) project☐ Ferry Boats or Ferry Boat Facilities☐ Intermodal Freight Facility☐ Other☐ Public Transit [What is the definition of public transit?](#)☐ Rail☐ Research

Question 6

Did the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, or State Department of Transportation, or public transit agency confirm that the project is eligible under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the United States Code?

☒ Yes

Which entity confirmed the project eligibility?

State Department of Transportation

Name Sherri Labas

Position Deputy Secretary, DOTD

Phone 225-379-1200

☐ No

Question 7

Please identify the state, regional, or local governmental entity that is an eligible recipient of the funds.

☒ Highways

State Department of Transportation:

Note: If a project is a multi-state project, please select the State Department of Transportation which will serve as the lead agency for the project.

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development - Highways

☐ Public Transit☐ Rail

Question 8

Please identify the specific segment or activity for which project funding is requested. The request must finance at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity by either (1) the amount requested by the Member; or (2) the amount requested by the Member and other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources.

Project description:

Please use words like: Construct, Plan, Design, Engineer, Conduct Environmental Review, Acquire Right-of-way, Conduct Alternatives Analysis, Research, Develop, Demonstrate, Deploy, Reconstruct, Rehabilitate, Replace, Retrofit, Install, Mitigate, Implement, Realign

Plan, design, conduct environmental review, and construct the widening of I-12 in Livingston Parish from Pete's Highway to the Juban Road interchange.

Total estimated cost 30000000

Note: please write out in numeral form (2000000 not \$2 million)

Request amount 24000000

Note: please write out in numeral form (e.g., \$2,000,000, not \$2 million)

Percentage of total estimated cost 80%

Additional Funding Sources

Source Amount of Funding

Question 9

If you are requesting funding for a specific segment or activity, please describe the overall project of which this segment/activity is a part.

Project description

The overall I-12 widening project consists of widening the I-10/I-12 split from East Baton Rouge to the Walker interchange in Livingston Parish. This project has been implemented in sections as funding becomes available, from west to east. The widening of I-12 has been completed from the I-10/I-12 split to O'Neal Ave in East Baton Rouge, and is under construction from that point to Denham Springs in Livingston Parish. This request would continue the widening from Pete's Highway in Denham Springs to Juban Road.

Note: limit your response to 3-4 sentences; up to 500 characters

Total estimated cost 370000000

Question 10

10. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?

☒ Yes

Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.

Date of approval

12/2003

(MM/YYYY)

☐ No

Question 11

11. Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?

☒ Yes

Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the program(s), and the title of the program(s).

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Date of approval

05/2008

(MM/YYYY)

**State Transportation
Improvement Program
(STIP)**

Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Area Transportation Improvement Program

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Date of approval

(MM/YYYY)

**State Transportation Improvement
Program (STIP)**

☐ No

Question 12

If the project is an intercity passenger rail project, is it included in the State Rail Plan?

- ☒ Not Applicable
☐ Yes
☐ No
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Question 13

Please describe the current status of the project and the expected schedule for its completion.

- ☒ Federal-aid Highway
In Planning
☐ Public Transit
☐ Rail
☐ Research

What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding?

2011

Question 14

Please provide a letter of support from a state, regional, or local governmental official specifically supporting the project request. **This letter should discuss the merits of the project; specify the process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project; and identify the other sources of Federal, state, or private funding that will be used to complete this project or project phase. This letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if the Member is requesting less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources that, combined with the Member request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost.**

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Question 15

Does the project have regional or national significance? [What is the definition of a project of regional or national significance?](#)

- ☒ Yes

Please describe the regional or national significance of the project.

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

The I-10/I-12 corridor is a major transit artery for freight traveling across the Southern and Western United States and for the transportation of petrochemicals produced in Louisiana, making it significant to the United States' energy security. Livingston Parish is the fastest growing parish in Louisiana, with many residents using I-12 to commute to the city of Baton Rouge on a daily basis. This project will help to keep their infrastructure on pace with their expanding population.

- ☐ No
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Question 16

Describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with completion of the project.

Safety Benefits: Please describe the safety benefits

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

The I-12 widening project will provide safety benefits by alleviating conditions related to traffic congestion such as sudden stops and traffic delays. The widening project will allow traffic to flow more smoothly thereby reducing the number of traffic accidents related to speeding, following too closely and frequent lane changes.

Economic Development Benefits: Please describe the economic development benefits.

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

The I-12 widening project will improve access to a growing area of commercial development, thereby helping stimulate commerce and

encouraging even more commercial development in the fastest growing parish in the state.

Mobility Benefits: Please describe the mobility benefits.

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

This widening project will allow the Interstate system to handle a greater volume of traffic more efficiently thereby reducing traffic congestion and increasing mobility. The current morning and evening commuter traffic delays will also be reduced significantly.

Environmental Benefits: Please describe the environmental benefits.

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

Widening I-12 will reduce carbon emissions by alleviating severe traffic congestion and concentrated vehicle idling. State and local staff members are reviewing other potential environmental benefits and improvements of the widening project.

Question 17

Has the project previously received any Federal funding?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Question 18

Has the project received any prior funding from a State, local, or private source?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Question 19

Please provide the proposed legislative text (in no more than 250 characters) of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill.

Note: Please note that project line items carry the force of law, and can only be amended through subsequent public laws. If Congressional intent (as established through answers listed on this form, or in letters to the Committee) is different from the legislative text, the entity administering the project is required to adhere to the statutory language.)

Widening and other improvements to I-12 corridor from Pete's Highway to the east in Livingston Parish – planning, environmental, design, engineering, right of way acquisition, construction and inspection.

Please review and finalize your answers to the above questions before moving on to the Certification phase of the program where you can print your submission. Once moving to the Certification phase, you will NOT be able to amend your answers.

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